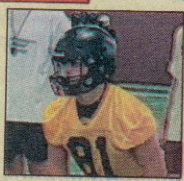


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Retiring senior center director recognized at New Brockton Town Council meeting

During the New Brockton Town Council meeting Monday night, July 7, retiring New Brockton Senior Citizens Center director Faye Richardson was honored as she was presented a proclamation from Mayor Charles Schieffer.

The mayor noted that Richardson has served as the senior center's director for the past six years and that she had devoted her life to serving others. He said she had consistently gone above and beyond her duties to care for the seniors at the center.

"Her leadership has transformed the New Brockton Senior Center into a place of warmth and care," Schieffer said.

Richardson will be inducted as a permanent member of the Alabama Seniors Citizens Hall of Fame - Class of 2025 on Sunday, August 10, in Montgomery, Ala.

In honor of her retirement and induction into the hall of fame, Schieffer said he further proclaimed Monday, July 7, 2025, as Faye Richardson Day in the Town of New Brockton. He presented Richardson with a copy of the proclamation and a 'key to the city' from the mayor and town council.

Schieffer said Richardson had left a lasting mark on the lives of those she has touched.

While Richardson thanked the town for the honor, the biggest thing she wanted to know following the presentation was if all had been by to see the new doors at the center.

"They look good," she

said regarding the doors.

Richardson said the center got two doors and storm doors for \$1,850, which she said was a good price because they are metal doors.

She concluded by announcing that it left over \$3,000 in the center's craft account after getting the new doors.

Also, during Monday

Newnight's meeting, Natosha Culver was recognized and introduced as the new senior center director for New Brockton.

Town officials said Culver had been working closely with Richardson to ensure a smooth change of leadership.

Culver said she hopes she can do a good job for the senior citizens of the town.



New Brockton Mayor Charles Schieffer is shown presenting a Proclamation and Key to the City to Faye Richardson during Monday night's New Brockton Town Council meeting. Richardson is retiring as the town's senior citizens center director, and she will be inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in August. This induction will take place in Montgomery, Ala.

CCBOE approves personnel matters during meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education held a called meeting Thursday, June 26, with several personnel matters recommended and approved.

The board was presented with a resignation from John Burdeshaw - teacher at New Brockton Middle

School. This resignation was approved.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Kelly Cobb, the board approved the employments of three teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. They were Sara Hall, teacher at Kinston; Ellis Landers, teacher

and band director at New Brockton High School; and Veronica Hughes, teacher at Zion Chapel.

Tiffany Massey resigned her post as an instructional aide at New Brockton Elementary School, and this was accepted by the board.

Also, Nikki Hunters was hired as a secretary/bookkeeper at New Brockton Elementary while Andrew Crawley was hired to be an instructional aide at the same school.

The CCBOE will meet this Thursday, July 10, for the board regular monthly meeting. That meeting is set for 5:30 p.m.

News Brief:

During a meeting held Tuesday, June 24, the Elba Board of Education approved the hire of Yolanda McMillian as a special education teacher at the high school. Also, the board approved a new three-year contract for Elba Elementary School principal Kenya Martin. Superintendent Donny Powell said the only change in the new contract was a slight increase in salary for Martin.



Former Elba Tiger and current Auburn Tiger Alvin Henderson donated school supplies/clothes Monday, July 1, to three Elba students. Henderson said he wanted to do something to give back to Elba, and with the help of school administrators, three students were identified for Henderson 'adopt' and purchase supplies for to help them with the new school year set to begin in August. Recipients are pictured above with Henderson.



A FIERY EXIT...Volunteers with the Elba Fire Department responded to the new Jack's restaurant last Thursday, July 3, after a vehicle fire was reported at 988 Hwy. 203. Upon arrival, the firefighters found a Nissan Altima completely engulfed in flames at the exit of the Jack's parking lot. Reportedly, the fire was caused by a lighter that blew up and ignited inside the vehicle. Fortunately, no injuries were reported from this vehicle fire, but the car was a total loss (as shown above).



NOTICE! THE CITY OF ELBA PROVIDES TRASH DUMPSTERS (as shown in the left photo) for citizens dispose of items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, electronics, metal, tires, shingles, or other household or construction materials. These dumpsters are located behind the old recycle building [former high school gym] in downtown Elba. The dumpsters were found to be pretty full this week. They are not for household garbage.

Elba Police make drug arrests on 4th of July

According to Coffee County Jail records, officers with the Elba Police Department made three separate drug-related arrests on the 4th of July.

Jessica Lee Bailey, age 44, was arrested by Elba Police for possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond] and felony possession of drug paraphernalia [\$6,000 bond]. She was released July 8th on bond.

Joshua Alan Givens, age 39, was arrested for

possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond] and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond]. As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Also, Jose Miguel Baez Santiago, age 40, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance [\$7,500 bond], public intoxication [\$500 bond], and a misdemeanor failure to appear charge. As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail.



Jessica Lee Bailey



Joshua Alan Givens



Jose Miguel Baez Santiago

Area Happenings

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba. The meeting is open to the public.

Beacon of Hope ABA is hosting "Rhythm & Smiles, a Music Celebration" Saturday, July 19, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in downtown Elba. The event will be held at 102 Claxton Avenue. Join Beacon of Hope for live music, food vendors, family friendly beverages, dancing and tons of fun. There will also be bounce houses, face painting, and a dunking booth for all to enjoy. Event organizers ask for a donation of either new toys, sealed snacks, or a monetary contribution of any amount to help support Beacon of Hope ABA.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 22, at 6 p.m., at the Elba Senior Center in downtown Elba. There will be a guest speaker attending. All members are asked to attend.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 1, through Monday, July 7, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, July 1 – Burglary (already occurred) reported at 429 Plant Ave (6:41 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2721 Marilyn St (9:23 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 2557 Taylor Mill Rd (12:02 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (2:13 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 138 Stroud Ave (2:48 p.m.);

Fight reported at 1113 Oak Ave – w/arrest (5:38 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one no action taken, five written warnings, and two citations.

Wednesday, July 2 – Animal complaint reported at 429 Plant Ave (7:53 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (10:00 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Davis St E and Hwy 84 (12:00 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 138 Stroud Ave (1:49 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1065 County Rd 401 (3:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 87

and County Rd 242 (5:34 p.m.); Shooting/Stabbing reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (5:35 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 602 Mullins Circle (6:36 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Cedar Lane Dr (7:05 p.m.); Domestic disturbance – w/ arrest reported at 1396 Reese Ave (7:44 p.m.); Assault reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (9:32 p.m.); Domestic disturbance w/ arrest reported at 2540 Taylor Mill Rd (9:34 p.m.).

Thursday, July 3 – Suspicious person reported at 955 Reese Ave (11:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1521 County Rd 249 (1:28 p.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 988 Hwy 203 (4:07 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of 2011 Hickman Ave E (6:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Claxton Ave N and Buford St – w/arrest (10:48 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, three verbal warnings, and one citation.

Friday, July 4 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1770 Hickman Ave w/citation issued (6:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 14203 Hwy 84 (10:05 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (9:03 p.m.); Fireworks complaint reported in area of Drayton Ave (11:10 p.m.). Twenty-two traffic stops resulted in five written warnings, 14 citations, one arrest, and two verbal warnings.

Saturday, July 5 – Suspicious person reported in area of Garrett St and Reese Ave – w/arrest (3:55 a.m.); Suspicious

circumstances reported at 203 Taylor Ave (1:30 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Cedar Lane Dr (7:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Neil Grantham Dr and Flournoy Dr (8:10 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of 469 Claxton Ave N (8:25 p.m.). Seventeen traffic stops resulted in seven verbal warnings, six written warnings, and four citations.

Sunday, July 6 – Suspicious person reported at Hwy 203 and Claxton Ave N (2:49 a.m.); Fireworks complaint reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Reynolds Ave (2:55 a.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, three citations, and three verbal warnings.

Monday, July 7 – Stolen vehicle reported in area of Hwy 231 and County Rd 106 (3:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 513 Adkinson Ave (1:46 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 890 Cedar Lane Dr (8:36 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (9:47 p.m.). Eighteen traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one arrest, nine written warnings, and seven citations.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

We feel like the new Jack’s restaurant already is proving its worth in bringing in new revenue to the City of Elba, especially with travelers headed to and from the gulf coast beaches. Over the 4th of July weekend, we visited the Jack’s a couple different times, and each time noticed travelers stopped for food at Elba’s newest restaurant. We observed vehicle tags from the states of Florida, Georgia, and Illinois over the weekend, and we are sure there were others. So far, the service has been great at the restaurant and the food has been good! That also will go a long way in the success of Jack’s in Elba if the management and employees keep it up!

The Let Freedom Ring event held last Thursday night in Elba was a great success yet again this year! There were lots of smiles as the golf cart parade kicked off the event, and we saw many enjoying the Moonlighters performing. The food vendors also turned out a tremendous amount of food, drinks and cool treats! And...the fireworks presented by Elba native Mike Holderfield were fantastic. Mike never fails to put on a great show. We are convinced Elba has one of the best 4th of July fireworks displays in the entire region thanks to Mike’s planning and talents.

While Elba enjoyed a great fireworks show for the holiday, we were reminded just how dangerous those displays can be when a mishap caused injuries at Alabama’s Lake Martin on the 4th of July. The single vessel related incident involved unpermitted fireworks that resulted in an explosion injuring six people. According to officials, a pontoon boat had been modified into a fireworks platform, which malfunctioned during the planned fireworks celebration and caused the onboard explosion. The incident occurred near the Kowaliga Basin in Blue Creek on Lake Martin within Tallapoosa County. We sure hope those injured are doing much better as of this writing. It had to be a scary time for all involved.

Elba folks are still trying to get a good understanding for the new trash ordinance within the city. No longer can things like rubbish, furniture, mattresses, appliances, electronics, metal, tires, shingles, or other household or construction materials be placed by the roadways for trash pickup. Instead, only limbs (shorter than 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter, leaves and prunings, and grass clippings (placed and sealed in plastic trash bags) be placed out for trash pickup. However, we remind citizens there are dumpsters placed behind the old recycle center [old Elba High School gymnasium] in downtown Elba for those “no longer” items to be taken for discarding. If those items are placed in the dumpsters, they will be picked up from there at no additional charge to citizens. This does not answer all the problems for “what do do with those items” now, but it is an option for those who can utilize it.

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Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Little Bean enjoys taking golf cart rides with the family, and she made it known last weekend that she wasn't ready for her ride to be over as she enjoyed an excursion with Cuzin Lou Lou and Papa. The golf cart has needed a bit of repair work recently, and Papa wanted to take a “test drive” after completing the work on Sunday afternoon. He asked Lou Lou to go with him, and when Little Bean realized what was up, she too wanted to go!

Bean sat on Lou Lou’s lap as the three rode the cart up and down the road in their neighborhood. She sat quietly and perfectly still taking in the scenery as they rode.

It was a nice relaxing ride with no issues from the golf cart, which made Papa extremely happy because that meant his work had made a difference! After going up the road one way and back then going the other way from the Yonder Gang’s house too, Lou Lou and Papa decided the test drive was successful. Papa steered the golf cart back onto the driveway.

Upon stopping by the garage, Little Bean nudged and nestled her way to a spot on the seat in between Papa and Lou Lou. This is the spot Bean generally rides when she goes for golf cart excursions with Lou Lou and Sister.

Lou Lou giggled as she looked at Bean and asked, “Are you not ready for your ride to be over?”

Bean turned her sights from Lou Lou to the front of the cart.

Papa got the message from the spoiled little monster, and he headed back out for another ride up and down the road. After making one more round, this time with Bean sitting in the middle rather than on Lou Lou’s lap, the little monster was content. Upon returning home, she leaped from the cart and ran to the house door ready to return inside.

There is never a dull moment with the Yonder Gang...Little Bean included! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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Covington County DA announces promotion of longtime prosecutor Nikki Hussey Stephens to Chief Assistant DA

Covington County District Attorney (22nd Judicial Circuit) Walt Merrell recently announced that Nikki (Hussey) Stephens, a long time prosecutor in his office, would be promoted to the post of Chief Assistant District Attorney.

Merrell made the promotion when Grace Jeter, his former chief assistant, was appointed by Governor Kay Ivey to serve as Circuit Court Judge.

Merrell said Stephens, a graduate of Jones School of Law at Faulkner University, graduated second in her law school class.

"She is the kind of lawyer I want working for the people of Covington County. Highly intelligent. Driven and motivated. Sharp as a tack in the courtroom, and she has all the social graces of a southern lady - she will be a great Chief," Merrell complimented.

Stephens was born and raised in Banks, Ala., a small community in the North end of Pike County.

"From as far back as I can remember, I wanted to be a lawyer," Stephens said. "As I grew into my teenager years, like so many other high school students, I was exposed to 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and that solidified my aspirations."

Stephens graduated from Charles Henderson High School before attending Troy University, where she graduated with honors with an undergraduate degree in business administration.

After graduating from Jones School of Law, Stephens married her longtime beau, Brian, and the couple moved to Stephens' family land in Elba, where they still reside today on the family farm.



Nikki Stephens

"When I was in law school, I clerked for the District Attorney in Pike County, and it was then that I began to realize that to be a true 'Atticus Finch' I needed to be a prosecutor," Stephens said. "When I graduated, they didn't have an opening, so I joined a business law firm in Dothan."

Stephens represented personal and business interests from around the Wiregrass, but she said she "knew the Lord would work it all out. I enjoyed private practice but I knew I wanted to be a prosecutor. And then one day, I saw where Walt was looking to hire a new prosecutor, so I applied."

Stephens has now worked in the District Attorney's Office for eight years. She first interviewed with then Chief Assistant Grace Jeter and Merrell for the job.

Now Circuit Court Judge Jeter noted, "As the Chief Assistant, Walt tasked me with reviewing the applications and conducting the interviews. Nikki stood out above the rest and it was an easy recommendation for me to make at the time. And I know it's an easy decision for Walt to make now. She has been a great advocate for victims and for the people of Covington County."

"Stephens has prosecuted everything from murder cases to handling Drug Court, so she knows the system well," Merrell said. "She has the fortitude to make even the toughest

decisions if I am otherwise unavailable. More than that, though, she has a heart for victims and does a great job at building relationships with people who find themselves reeling from life's tragedies."

To that end, Stephens did offer excitement for the new post and then added that, "Walt always taught me that we don't do this job for accolade or prominence. I agree. There is not much better in this world than a big hug after a guilty verdict, or seeing a child out and about happy and doing well after I've prosecuted their offender."

She concluded, "I very much look forward to more of those moments to come serving the people of Covington County as its Chief Assistant."

Obituaries

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FRANKIE FARRIS

It is with heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of Frankie Farris, age 86, who went home to be with the Lord Sunday, July 6, 2025, surrounded by the love and prayers of her family.



Born February 17 1939, Frankie was a devoted Christian whose faith in God was the foundation of her life. She was a lifelong member of New Ebenezer and New Haven Baptist Church, where she worshipped faithfully, served with love, and touched countless lives through her kindness, humility, and unwavering devotion to Christ.

Frankie was a woman of quiet strength and remarkable dedication. She worked hard throughout her life, both in and outside the home, always giving her best in all she did. Whether she was tending to her family, helping a neighbor, or offering a word of encouragement, her heart for service and her tireless spirit were evident to all who knew her.

Above all, Frankie loved her family dearly. She was a devoted wife, a nurturing mother, a proud grandmother, and a beloved friend. Her home was a place of warmth, prayer, and unconditional love—a reflection of the faith and values she held so dear.

A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at New Haven Baptist Church, with visitation beginning at 10

a.m. The family accepted flowers or donations can be made to New Haven Baptist Church, in honor of Frankie's lifelong commitment to faith and service. Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Farris, Preston Farris, Lucas Farris, Mark Wicker, Jesse Oglesby, and Morgan Oglesby with honorary pallbearers being Stan Wicker, serving as honorary pallbearers being Stan Wicker, Dunn Wicker, and Bruce Donaldson.

Frankie was preceded in death by her husband, Dawson Farris; parents, Jessie Lee and William Franklin Donaldson; a sister, Mary Ella Johnson; and two brothers, Buck and Mack Donaldson; son-in-law, Tommy Brown; great-grandson, T.J. Northey; nephew, Evan Newman; and a niece, Lynn Ellis.

Survivors include her daughters: Jan (Stan) Wicker, Denise Newman, and Michele Brown; sons: Greg (Arlene) Oglesby, and Jason (Marsha) Farris; sisters: Syble Henderson, and Linda Newman; grandchildren: Mark (Leigh) Wicker, Jesse (Jessica) Oglesby, Morgan Oglesby, Preston Farris, Lucas Farris, and Molly Newman; great-grandchildren: Dunn Wicker, Lilly Oglesby, and Sirah Shores.

Frankie leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and perseverance. Though our hearts ache in her absence, we find comfort in knowing she is at peace in the presence of her Savior.

MARY LEAN CARPENTER

Mrs. Mary Lean Carpenter, age 91, of the Jack community, died Sunday, July 6, 2025, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, at 11 a.m., at Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Davis officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the services.

Burial followed in Hall Hill Assembly of God Cemetery.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Dawn Kelley, Jack; daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Travis Carr, Jack; grandchildren, Jessica Turberville (Shawn), Andrew Kelley (Danielle), Amanda Smith, Jesse Brown (Whitney), Robyn Lameda (Chris), Brandon Carr (Melissa); and 22 great-grandchildren.

JERRY HERTLEIN

Mr. Jerry Hertlein, age 78, of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, July 4, 2025, at his residence.

No services will be held at this time. Memorial services will be held in Dayton, Ohio at a later date.

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When you pre-plan you can make big decisions, such as whether you would like to be buried or cremated, where you would like the service to be held, or where you would like your final resting place to be. You can also make smaller decisions such as what kind of food you would like served or what songs you would like played. Pre-planning a funeral has many benefits.

You can give yourself and your family peace of mind. It can provide comfort to know that you have written down your desires, and it can be comforting to your family knowing they are able to honor your wishes.

You can save money. There is often little time allowed for shopping around, and many families rush to plan a funeral which may lead to paying higher costs. Pre-planning can allow time to shop around and compare prices.

You can be more financially prepared. If you know what your funeral plan will cost, you can find ways to start paying for it. You could set up a pre-need plan where you pay the costs of the funeral outright while you are still living. You could also look into other payment methods such as setting up a savings account or purchasing insurance.

You can save your family time and stress. By having a plan in place, you free your family up to focus on supporting each other.

It can help prevent family conflict. If you are concerned there may be disagreements on funeral or burial practices within your family, having a plan in place can be very helpful.

To begin pre-planning your funeral, start by writing down your thoughts and wishes. Make sure to keep your document in a safe and accessible place. If you have any questions or need advice, contact your funeral director who can help you get started.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by SAVVY DEVELOPERS, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to HNB FIRST BANK, an Alabama corporation, dated March 24, 2024, and recorded on April 2, 2024, in Official Records Book 1225, at Page 128, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, HNB FIRST BANK, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Geneva County, Alabama, in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, August 7, 2025, the following described property:

Parcel 1: One dwelling house and Lot Number 4, in Block 3, in the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Geneva County, Alabama, being the property formerly owned by R.H. Dawkins and now occupied by tenants, together with all improvements thereon.

Parcel II: A lot or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows: A lot or parcel of land in the Town of Samson, Alabama, and being recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, according to the Records of Geneva County Probate Office, together with all improvements thereon.

Parcel III: Lot Number 5, in Block 3, of the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon.

This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. Dated this the 19th day of June, 2025.

HNB FIRST BANK:
BY: H. Samuel Prim, III
Prim & Mendheim, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
103 Jamestown Boulevard
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 671-9555
(File No.: 25-0789)
6/26, 7/3 & 10-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-130

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Harold W. Stanley
HAROLD W. STANLEY
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

LOUIE WAYNE KELLEY, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2025-043

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 17th day of June, 2025, to Shirley A. Kelley, as Executrix of the Estate of Louie Wayne Kelley, deceased, who departed this life on the 28th day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Shirley A. Kelley
Shirley A. Kelley, Executrix of the Estate
Of Louie Wayne Kelley, Deceased
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY JEROME HILLARD, SR., DECEASED.

CASE.: 2025-0078

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Mae Joyce Hillard, on the 18th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Honorable Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OLEN LAMAR GLOVER, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-0073

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Boyd Glover, as Administrator of the Estate of Olen Lamar Glover, deceased, on the 18th day of June, 2025 by Hon. Toby Seay, Judge of Probate for Geneva County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate of Olen Lamar Glover are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
HON. TOBY SEAY
JUDGE OF PROBATE
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-130

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Harold W. Stanley
HAROLD W. STANLEY
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF JOHN F. RAIRIGH, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-129

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JOHN F. RAIRIGH, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Judy K. Rairigh
JUDY K. RAIRIGH
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKEY CHARLES HUGHES

Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-140

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to, Mary Ann Danford Administrator of the Estate of, Ricky Charles Hughes deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2025, by the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Honorable Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CASEY JONES, Deceased.

Case No. PR-2025-138

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ronald A. Jones and Media S. Jones, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 7th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 7th day of July, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LINDA J. KENT, Deceased.

CASE NO. 25-0096

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to David L. Kent on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Linda J. Kent are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ David L. Kent
David L. Kent, Personal Representative
Lee F. Knowles, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS HURST, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 25-0062

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Nancy Thompson, on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC 2025-045

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Natalie J. Chandler on the 30th day of June 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2025.

Natalie J. Chandler
Personal Representative
Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GRACE B. BRUNSON, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2025-134

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to JENNIFER B. MONTGOMERY on the 7th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

JOHN B. BRUNSON
BRUNSON, BARNETT & SHERRER, P.C.
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
8020 Parkway Drive
Leeds, AL 35094
205-702-6700
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: S.G.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: L.B.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: KATIE BOWERS, Respondent/ Mother of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dope and dated on this the 20th day of June 2025. /s/ Ashley A. Powell Ashley A. Powell Clerk of the Court 6/26, 7/3, 10&17-chg

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: S.G.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: L.B.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: WILLIAM BOSWELL SIMMONS IV, Respondent/Father of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dope and dated on this the 20th day of June 2025. /s/ Ashley A. Powell Ashley A. Powell Clerk of the Court 6/26, 7/3, 10&17-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by LEAMON RAY BOLLING, a single person, and VICKIE LYNN JOHNSTON, a single person, on the 12th day of October 2021, to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as recorded in A/OFFR Book 205A, Page 596, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at

public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 24, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, T4N, R19E, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said forty; thence run S14°28'49"W for 64.69 feet; thence run S82°20'22"E for 310.45 feet; thence run S80°19'37"E for 418.76 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S80°19'37"E for 209.38 feet; thence run S06°53'33"W for 209.80 feet to the North right of way of Coffee County Road #420 (R/W 80'); thence run N80°19'37"W along said R/W for 209.38 feet; thence run N06°53'33"E for 209.80 feet to the Point of Beginning. INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2021 CMH manufactured home, Serial No. CS2027756TNA8; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Lori C. Baird Attorney for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A. 2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200 P.O. Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 (205) 344-5000 7/3, 10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, DECEASED CASE NO.: PR-2025-128

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Samuel L. R. Fowler, Jr. SAMUEL L. R. FOWLER, JR. Personal Representative of said Estate 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF SHARON L. MITCHUM, Deceased. Case No.: 25-0085

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to LISA MCGOWAN on the 25th day of June, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. LISA MCGOWAN Personal Representative David F. Holmes, Attorney P.O. Box 1180 Slocumb, AL 36375 334-886-3123 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. HSP-0012(584)

DALE AND COFFEE COUNTIES, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 25, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Access Management (Partial Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Traffic Signal Installation, and Traffic Stripe) on SR-12 (US-84) from a point near the junction of CR-709 (MP 184.300) east of Enterprise to a point near the junction of CR-1 (MP 185.420) in Level Plains. Length 1.123 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Eighty (80) Working Days. A 6.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$36.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,069,126 To \$2,528,931. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER Transportation Director 7/10, 17&24-chg.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of 2025 Cast Iron Main With Lead Joint Pipe Removal & Replacement Project/ARPA DWSRF-FS010393-01 will be received by City of Samson, at 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477, until 11:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of generally, installation of approximately 4,500 L.F. of 8" and 17,000 L.F. of 6" water main, 60 gates valves, 10 hydrant assembly, bored steel casing, directional boring, open cut and patch and all appurtenances necessary for the project.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Driskell Engineering, Inc., 5210 Judge Logue Rd, Newton, AL 36352; 334-692-4330. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically in portable document format (PDF) at no cost by registering with the Issuing Office at bids@driskellengineeringinc.com. Printed copies may be obtained from the same, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of deposit of \$150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in reusable condition within 10 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund.

Additional sets for non-Bidders, Bidders who obtain more than one set of Bidding Documents, subcontractors, vendors, or dealers will be refunded as stated above less the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution. Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at the office of the City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. No Bidding Documents will be issued after the Pre-Bid conference.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or Bid will not be received or considered by the Owner. The Bidder shall show evidence by including its current license number during registration and clearly displaying on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the Bid is delivered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted. The Owner further reserves the right to negotiate price and Time with the low bidder. OWNER: City of Samson BY: Roger Baine, Mayor 7/10-chg.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for 2025 CDBG STREET IMPROVEMENTS Project No. CDBG-SM-CE-PY-24-015 will be received by City of Samson at the office of City Clerk, Samson City Hall, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477 until 9:00 a.m., local time on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Form of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following location: At the office of the City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson AL 36477 on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies may be obtained electronically in portable document format (PDF) at no cost by registering with the Engineer at bids@driskellengineeringinc.com. Printed copies may be obtained at the office of Driskell Engineering, Inc. located at 5210 Judge Logue Rd., Newton AL 36353; 334-692-4330 upon payment of \$100.00 for each set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution therefore, no refund will be issued. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit, with its bid, security in the amount of, form of and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. A Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time, Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at the office of City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477. Bidder's attendance is not required but encouraged.

OWNER: The City of Samson BY: Rodger Baine, Mayor 7/10-chg.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, ARPA CS010981-01 will be received by City of Samson, at 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477, until 10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The

Project consists of generally, installation of approximately 11,250 L.F. of 8" gravity sewer, 42 manholes, 6,640 LF of sewer cleaning and lining, 3,745 SY paving replacement, 4 pumping station rehabilitations, 5 generators, steel casing bored, chemical feed building, remote monitoring system, and all associated appurtenances necessary for the project.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Driskell Engineering, Inc., 5210 Judge Logue Rd, Newton, AL 36352; 334-692-4330. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically in portable document format (PDF) at no cost by registering with the Issuing Office at bids@driskellengineeringinc.com. Printed copies may be obtained from the same, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of deposit of \$150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in reusable condition within 10 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund.

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A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at the office of the City of Samson, 16 East Main Street, Samson, AL 36477. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. No Bidding Documents will be issued after the Pre-Bid conference.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We have a six-foot high wooden fence surrounding our backyard and never worry about our lab Buster getting out, but when we got home over the weekend from a short stay at the beach there he was on the front porch waiting for us to come home. He greeted us at the car like nothing was wrong, and while it was a little funny, I quickly found out where he had escaped and spend some time closing his escape route. I don't think he can get out again, but wouldn't be surprised if one day when we drive up he is back on the porch and trots to the car to say Hi!

For what it is worth....

*** I had a talk with Elba Tiger head football coach Jon Cooper the other day and was really impressed with his ideas and plans for the coming season and the program. He reported that the Tigers had gone to three of the top seven-on-seven competitions in the Southeast over the past three weeks, and while the team didn't bring home any trophies, the players got the chance to compete with some of the top teams in the nation and probably learned as much from their opposition and their peers as they did from taking part in the competition. Elba will make a change from a 'run first' team to a more balanced attack on offense, which was one of the reasons Coach Cooper took his team to the camps, while he added that the camps also gave the defensive backs much-needed lessons in the fundamentals of pass defense. I had always thought the seven-on-seven camps were just for teams that liked to throw the ball all over the field, but after our talk I now understand the camps are as much for the defense as the offense.

*** While I almost always disagree with its political views, I do enjoy reading sports on the website AL.com, and last week read an article entitled 'The AHSAA's most unbreakable girls basketball records.' While there were no local teams or players in the list, it was an interesting read and I thought I'd share a few of the records. The record for most free-throw attempts in a game is 46, set by Geraldine's Kristen White in 2009-2010. She also set a record for most free-throw tries in a quarter (28) and her 34 made free-throws in the game is second all-time in the nation. The highest scoring average for a team is 94.1, set by Butler back in 1997-98. The now-closed school scored a total of 3,198 points in its 34 games during its state championship run. Finally, the mark for most points scored in a season by a player is 1,261 by Woodland's Courtney Strain. The prep star also holds the record for career points, single-season field goals and scoring average (40.7 points per game). Hey, just thought you too may find it an interesting read.

*** Bobby Bonilla Day is celebrated every July 1 as the day former New York Mets star Bobby Bonilla gets his annual check for \$1.2 million. Bonilla hasn't played in the Major Leagues since way back in 2001, but receives the \$1.2 million every July 1 after agreeing to a deferred deal with the team in 2000 that will keep the checks coming until 2035. Bonilla signed a \$29 million contract with the Mets prior to the 1992 season, but after three-and-half years was traded to the Baltimore Orioles and in 1996 signed a four-year, \$23.3 million contract with the Miami Marlins. Bonilla eventually made his way back to the Mets for the 1999 season, but after batting only .160 during the season was told he was going to be released, despite being owed \$5.9 million on his contract. The Mets didn't want to pay the entire amount at once, and instead agreed to defer the payment and agreed to pay Bonilla \$1,193,248.20 every year on July 1 from 2011 through 2035. As a result, the \$5.9 million buyout has swelled to \$29.8 million, which isn't a bad deal for a player that hasn't swung a bat since 2001. Oh yea, Bonilla also receives \$500,000 a year from the Orioles in deferred payments that started in 2004 and won't end until 2029. While Bonilla was a pretty good Major League player with a .279 career average, he appears to be much more valuable retired.

*** In closing.... There are only forty-one days left before high school football kicks off and all fans in the area are beginning to look ahead and wonder what kind of season their favorite team will have. Here at Elba, most Tiger fans are a little leery after the loss of twenty-seven seniors the last two years, including four D1 players, and are expecting a slight downturn in the number of wins, while over at New Brockton, the Gamecock fans are excited about their new coach and a large number of players coming back and will be happy with nothing less than a trip to the playoffs; down at Kinston, the Bulldog fans are convinced a winning season may be on the way with a group of players that have been big winners in the youth leagues the past couple of years; up at Zion Chapel, the Rebel fans expect another winning season and a trip to the playoffs as the rebuilding seems to be over and the winning foundation appears set; and, over at Brantley, the Bulldog fans are excited about their young, new coach and a big group of young players that they hope will grow together quickly.



Elba Tigers work on fundamentals during recent visit to Florida State football team camp.

Tigers were on the road in June

Cooper says July brings sense of urgency

The Elba Tigers have been hard at work all summer competing in seven-on-seven camps, putting in long hours in the weight room and working on fundamentals under the hot summer sun on the practice field, and while Coach Jon Cooper feels his team is well on its way to developing into a solid high school football team, he stated last week that with the coming of July comes an added sense of urgency.

"We have been working hard all summer, both the players and the coaches, but now that July is here it brings with it an added sense of urgency," stated Cooper. "We'll only get to put in three weeks of work in July because of the fourth holiday and the state all-star competition, and that is obviously a concern because I come to work every day and all our players are always here and ready to work."

Coach Cooper, in his first season at Elba, reported the month of June went really well and that the players got chance to view what other players their age can do by going to camps at Auburn, Troy University and Florida State.

"We went to three seven-on-seven camps to help us evaluate our players and at the same time let the players see what other players can do," added Cooper. "We were competitive early on in all the camps, but we were usually the only 1A team at the camp and playing against teams with many more players wears you down. At Auburn we went 2-2 in pool play and won our first game in bracket play, but then ran into Thompson, one of the best teams in the nation, and just didn't match up. The camps are good because it shows our players the skill level of other players their own age, and at the same time shows them that we are teaching them the same things as the other teams. Seven-on-seven camps are hard and tiring, but our players battled on every

play and grew up a lot."

"The summer is very important because we have been a single wing team for the past five years and pretty much just done one or two things on offense, both in the backfield and in the line" said Cooper. "The seven-on-seven camps have been a baptism by fire in big time football. We can't really judge just how well we are doing and how much work we still need to do when we line up against ourselves and put our best against our backups. At camps we are able to evaluate every player on the field, and made sure everyone got to compete by rotating players on series and challenging them. We didn't win as many games as we hoped to at the camps, but competed every game, no matter the opponent, and while it was humbling at times, it was also inspiring to see our guys work hard to get better."

Coach Cooper reported that in the month of July the players and coaches would keep working hard and that the team would start to take shape as far as personnel is concerned.

"Our guys needed a week off after the month of June," admitted Cooper. "They really worked hard and put in a lot of hours, and there is no doubt they will come back ready to get back to work. They all understand what we are doing and so far it's been an open menu as to what we have done on both sides of the ball. We have been working three quarterbacks that are all very different players and bring different things to the table, but all three have improved by leaps and bounds and have improved their skill sets. We have a good group of receivers that can go, but if you can't run a pattern and be in the right spot when the quarterback looks your way speed doesn't really help. All the receivers are getting better on running their routes, blocking downfield and catching the football, and like I said they all have good speed.



Tigers prepare to hit the field for competition at recent Auburn seven-on-seven camp.

Right now I would have to say the offensive line will be the strength of the team. They are big, strong and nasty, and love to get after people. We have worked hard to get them physical, and we will probably average 6-2, 280-pounds a man across the front. They have had to learn to pass block after run blocking the past five years, but at the same time by run blocking they grew up being physical and hitting people. We will get better at pass blocking as we go, and there is no doubt they all love to play football and are proud to be in the line."

"We have five running backs that are getting a lot of work," added Cooper, "and while we don't know who will start, they are all solid backs and are both fast and physical. The running backs are the leaders of the team, and lead by example by working hard and pushing their teammates to be their best. We have a lot of very talented athletes that can go, are willing to work hard, and all push themselves to get better every time they hit the field. I know that by going to camps some may think we are putting an emphasis on the offense. However, we have also been putting in a lot of work on defense and it is a work in progress. We have gone back to the basics to make sure everyone has an understanding of the right way to do things, and while we have made changes, we feel everything is going along at a good pace and everyone is working hard."

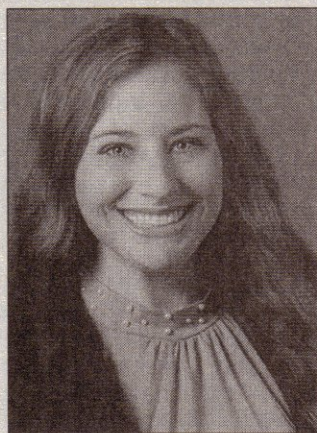
Since arriving at Elba late in the school year and putting the team through spring training, Coach Cooper admits he is

excited about the growth of the team and encouraged with the work ethic of the players and coaches.

"When I got here the first things I was told was that we had graduated twenty-seven players the last two years and had the smallest senior class in the history of the school," said Cooper. "From day one we haven't worried about who isn't here, but who is here and who is willing to work hard and continue the winning tradition of Elba Tiger football. I am encouraged by the work ethic of the players, feel good about the coaching staff and everyone in the program knows the expectations are the same. We have spent a great deal of time cleaning up and renovating the weight room, the dressing room and everything is rounding into shape. We have two more seven-on-seven camps coming up in early July and expect to be more competitive."

"The new month brings with it changes for everyone involved," stated Cooper. "The paint is here to line the fields, the equipment and uniforms are ready and the players are getting excited. They all grew up as Elba Tigers and are proud to put on the black and gold. This month we will go out four days a week and get right back to work. We have three more weeks of summer workouts until school starts and we have to make sure we have done everything we could to be prepared to get ready for the season, and start putting in plans for our opponents. The season will be here before you know it, and we are going to keep working hard to be ready and be the best we can be."

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CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church set for July 13th

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Scripture: Psalm 42:11

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June/July Birthdays/Anniversaries

Margaret Williams 6/29
Robyn Patterson 6/29
Jackie Whitfield 7/1
Michael Martin 7/1
Yquesha Terry 7/1
Lovell Martin 7/1
Alonzo/Deana Cole 7/1 W.A.
Grady/Brenda Brooks 7/2 W.A.
Terrance I. Kelley 7/2
Larry/Lovvella Folmar 7/3 W.A.

AS A PARENT TEACHES A CHILD

"Children don't have problems; they have parents," It is said. Emotionally immature parents can create all kinds of problems for their children. For example, the normal desire that one's child develop his or her physical and social skills can be turned into an unhealthy concern. Many of us have seen the negative results of fathers living vicariously through their sons, pressuring them to excel at sports as they themselves never did. Other parents force their little ones toward precocious maturity by scheduling many hours per week of learning activities that result, in some cases, in intellectual burnout by the early years of grade school. Child psychologists warn of the consequences of trying to rear "superbabies," too much pressure retards a child's development in many ways. Our Heavenly Father doesn't pressure us, but he does kindly guide us (as we are able) into every opportunity for spiritual life and growth, just as he did ancient Israel. But they refused! Adults in every respect but the spiritual, they used their freedom in ways that eventually destroyed them. They turned their backs on God and showed to all generations the price to be paid for rejecting him. Our nurturing Father will do all he can for our good, but we

must learn to seize life's opportunities for growth and use them wisely. We create most of our own problems, don't we? -C.R.B.

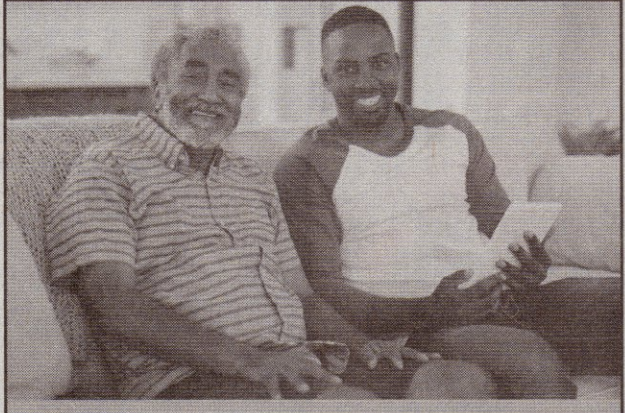
Question/Answer Section For the week of 7-3-2025 Multiple Choice

- (Q) How should we help the poor and needy? (Pray for them) (Feed Them) (Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked)
- (A) Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked - Psalm 82:4
- (Q) How long will the Psalmist sing unto the Lord? (All Day) (All Night) (As long as he Lives)
- (A) As long as he Lives - Psalm 104:33
- (Q) What has God put under man's feet? (Dirt) (Water) (All Things)
- (A) All Things - Psalm 8:6

Questions for the week of 7-10-2025 Fill in the Blanks

- (Q) "Do not ___ up for yourselves treasures on earth."
- (Q) ___ foolish controversies.
- (Q) Avoid every ___ of evil.
- (Q) ___ The devil, and he will flee from you.
- (Q) Do not ___ the Lord.
- Today is a good day! Be Grateful!
- Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Enterprise Aglow Community Lighthouse to meet July 19th
Enterprise, Alabama Aglow Community Lighthouse will meet Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. at The Gathering Room, 217 S Main Street, Enterprise.
Guest speaker will be Loretta Terry of Hartford, Ala. Come and invite others.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church invites all to upcoming Revival services

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 970 County Rd. 528, Elba, will hold Revival services later this month.
The services will be Monday, July 21, through Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. nightly with guest speaker Pastor Barry Pausey of Greater Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala.
All are invited to attend.

What does the Bible say about... Faith and Works?
Article written by Douglas Williams



James 2:14-26 discusses this subject and shows the importance of both faith and works in God's plan for our lives to be pleasing to Him. Some religions teach that salvation is by "faith alone," while others teach that salvation is earned by the performance of "good works." The Bible teaches the proper relationship of both faith and works. Some have said that since James teaches that faith must be completed by works, he is in conflict with Paul who teaches that salvation comes through faith. But they are discussing two different situations:
(1) Paul is showing that people are saved by faith without the works of the law of Moses.
(2) James is showing that faith must be actively expressed by works of obedience or it is useless or dead.
The Bible discusses at least four different kinds of works. Three of these are of no value in regard to our salvation, but the fourth is so important that a person cannot be saved without it (James 2:24).
Works of the Law of Moses (Galatians 2:16).
(2) Works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21).
(3) Our own boastful works (Ephesians 2:8-19-21).
(4) Works of obedience which are acts of obedience to God's word (Matthew 7:21; Titus 1:16).
Paul was talking about our own boastful works, and James was referring to works of obedience. This does not mean that we earn, deserve, or merit our own salvation. Noah did not earn salvation by building an ark. Joshua did not earn Jericho by marching around it. The Israelites did not earn the promised land simply because they traveled to it from Egypt. These things, like salvation today, were gifts of God, even though man had to perform works of obedience in order to receive the blessings. Faith without works of obedience is worthless.
Jesus also teaches in Matthew 7:21-27 that disaster awaits those who hear His words but do not do them. Surely this is the same as saying, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).
James 2:22 says, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only."



First Baptist Church Elba Pastor Kit Johnson is shown offering a prayer last Thursday evening, July 3, during the Let Freedom Ring event held in Elba, Ala. Johnson prayed for the Lord's blessings over the community and nation as those in attendance for the annual event gathered to celebrate the nation's independence and 249th birthday. Also pictured (standing behind Johnson) is Elba Mayor Tom Maddox. Prior to Johnson offering the prayer, the mayor welcomed all to the Let Freedom Ring event.

Zoar Cemetery Association meeting set for Saturday, July 26th

The Zoar Cemetery needed. Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988. The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 26, in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Road 331 at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is





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Kaye Ellis recognizes the challenges facing District 5 require more than talk—they require action, collaboration, and fresh ideas. The campaign's motto, "Let's Make It Happen," is not just a slogan; it's a promise to listen, to work tirelessly, and to ensure every voice is valued. With a deep-rooted love for Elba and a bold vision for its future, Ellis is committed to turning community aspirations into concrete achievements.

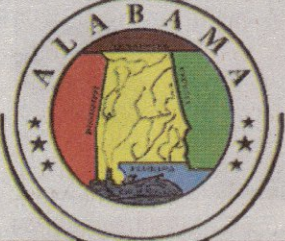
Kaye is a lifelong resident of Elba. From attending local schools to launching a business here, she brings a practical understanding of how to get things done. Whether it's navigating city budgets, building coalitions, or rolling up sleeves to help with a neighborhood clean-up, Kaye has always been a person of action rather than words. This approach, combined with a deep sense of empathy, forms the cornerstone of her campaign for Elba City Council.

Kaye welcomes everyone's ideas and comments. Call 334-763-9012 or email: lakerealty@yahoo.com

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Coffee County

Notice is hereby given that the State of Alabama Department of Transportation will hold a **Public Involvement Meeting** on Project No. HSIP-0012(589). This project is located in Coffee County. This project will not require the purchase of additional right-of-way. This informal meeting will be held as follows:

Place: Online Only

Date: July 8, 2025 to August 8, 2025

The presentation will be available as follows:

Website: www.aldotinvolved.com

July 8, 2025 – August 8, 2025

This meeting will be conducted as an "Online Only" type format where **no formal presentation will be given.**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested persons to be informed and participate in the public process of this project. Preliminary Maps as well as other information developed on this project are available for public inspection at the Region Office:

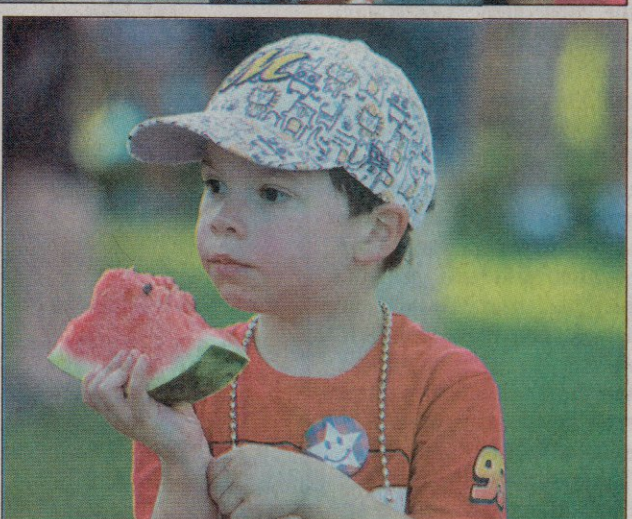
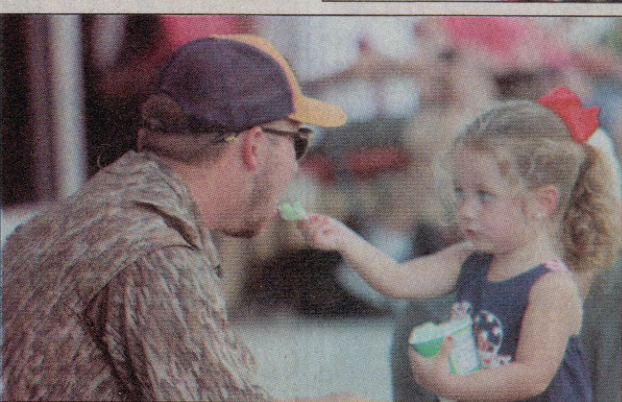
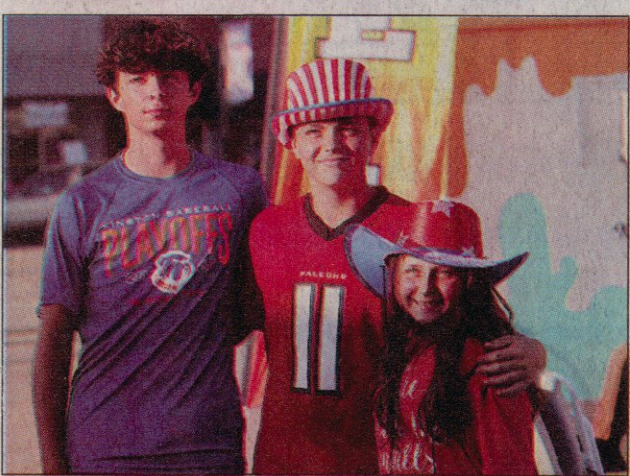
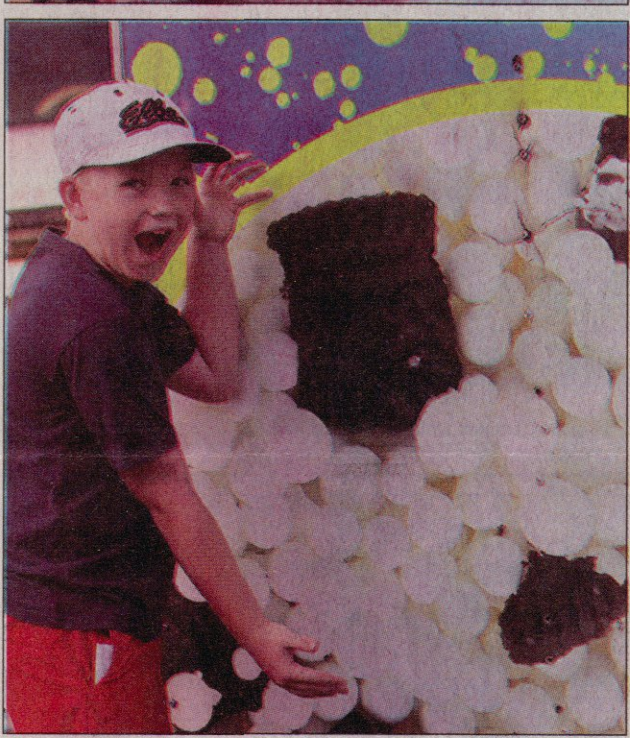
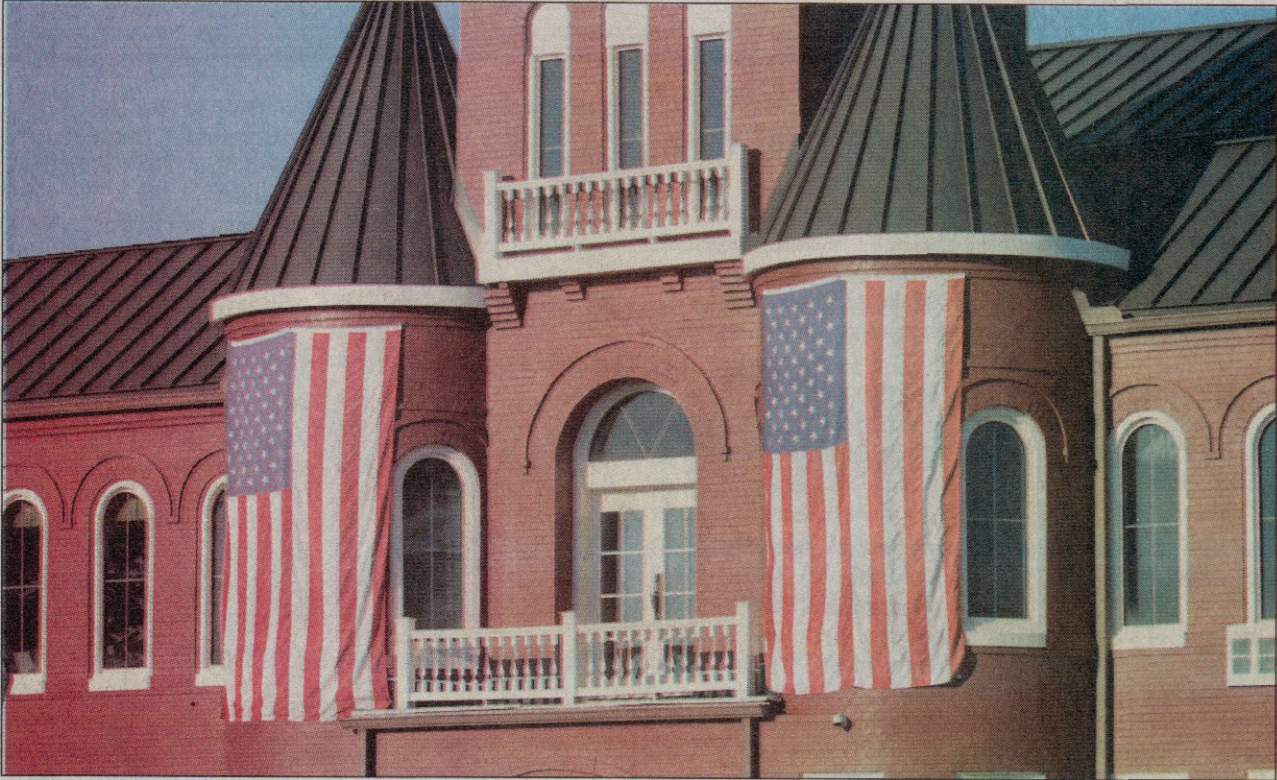
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